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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Daniel P. Soehnlen, et al.
For : ICE CREAM MANUFACTURING AND
PACKAGING PROCESS AND A
PACKAGE FOR THIS PROCESS
Our Docket : X-12520-1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, after the heading "BACKGROUND OF
THE INVENTION":

--This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/500,935, filed January 15,
2000, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/118,246, filed on July 17,
1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,287, issued August 15, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1-32.

Add new claims 114-118 as follows:

114. A process for manufacturing and packaging a variety of ice cream products on a
processing line comprising the steps of: